

Remarks

This patent application is a divisional patent application of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/945,040 filed on August 31, 2001. During the prosecution of such parent patent application, the Examiner therein had identified seven species and issued a restriction requirement. Election in that case was made to species III (corresponding to Figure 6).

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute those claims directed to the previously identified species III (corresponding to Figure 5) in the above-identified parent application and have amended the claims accordingly.

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant therefore submits that all of the pending claims, namely Claims 1, 3-5, 12, 13, 15-17, 27, 28, 30-32, and 39, are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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